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In the specification

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On page 12, line 29, delete the phrase "filtration means 20" and replace with f- flow section 20 defining a filtration means --.

On page 17, lines 23 and 29, delete "12" and replace with -- 25 --.

In the Drawings

Applicants have amended the drawings to include amendments submitted for consideration in the '088 application. Applicants submit a copy of the informal drawings with proposed amendments marked in red for consideration by the Examiner.

In the claims

Cancel claims 14-26 without prejudice to their subsequent reintroduction into this application or their introduction into a subsequently filed continuation application.

Please enter the following new claims:

:-- 27. (New) A test device for determining the presence of a ligand in a liquid sample, the device comprising:

a test strip comprising a sorbent material which defines a flow path for transporting the liquid sample therealong from a sample contact region to a test site and a control site, and,

disposed upstream of said test site and said control site, a conjugate comprising a specific binder for the ligand and a colored particulate material,

said test site comprising an immobilized first binding protein which binds specifically to the ligand, if the ligand is present in the liquid sample, and

said control site comprising an immobilized binder which binds said conjugate,

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